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From the Country Journal, July 13.

NOtwithſtanding the great Endeavours which have been uſed by ſome Writers at home, to perſwade the Publick that the Negociations at Soiſſons have been miſrepreſented, and that there have not yet been the leaſt *Differences* or *Diſputes* between the Plenipotentiaries, our *Foreign Advices* continue to give us no very agreeable Account of the Progreſs of our Allies; for if any Credit is to be given to the whole Tenor of thoſe Advices, both *publick* and *private*, as well as our own for this Week paſt, the *Congreſs* is, at preſent in a Manner *ſuſpended*; moſt, if not all of the *principal Miniſters* being either returned to Paris, or having taken Country Seats for their Diverſion; and tho' it is ſaid indeed, That the *Plenipotentiaries* who ſtay there, continue their Conferences, yet it is at the ſame Time added, that they enter not upon any Points of *Importance*, which are all to be debated in the Preſence of Cardinal *Fleury*.

This Adjournment of the *Congreſs* ſo ſoon, and before any Thing *material* hath been done, makes ſome Men, of *pacifick* Diſpoſitions, very uneaſy; eſpecially ſince it is written from *Paris*, that they begin to talk of War, with this Addition, that his Moſt Chriſtian Majeſty had not only reſolved to *continue the preſent Number of his Forces, but hath adviſed the Allies of Hanover to do the like, the Iſſue of the Congreſs of Soiſſons being ſomewhat uncertain*; and others again ſurmiſe, that a *Truce* only will be concluded for ſeven Years; which it is feared will not anſwer all the good Ends propoſed by this Meeting.

There is likewiſe a Rumour that the Congreſs will be removed to *St. Germains en laye*; but this, we preſume, muſt proceed from diſaffected Perſons, who endeavour to make it believed, that the only Deſign of a *certain Power* is to *protract Time* and *amuſe her Allies*.

The Account which we have of Cardinal Alberoni's having embarked for Spain, is not yet confirmed; but it is ſtill ſaid that he is gone ſome where *Incog.* and ſome ſay to the Court of Vienna.

The Affair of the *Altena Company*, continues to make a great Noiſe, and ſeems to have laid a Foundation for freſh Troubles. His Daniſh Majeſty, on one Side, inſiſts that it is the ſame which hath been eſtabliſhed for above an *hundred Years*, and is not contrary to *any Treaties*: The *Dutch*, on the other Hand alledge, that it will ſignify but little to procure an Abolition of the *Oſtend Company* (which by the Way the Emperor does not ſeem very ready to comply with) if the ſame Commerce is to be carried on from Denmark. But this will not affect us.

Our Merchants are very much alarmed at the late Reſolution of the *Moors*, to break with us, which will probably occaſion great Loſſes to them in the *Mediterranean*, if not in the *Channel* it ſelf. The Pretence of the *Moors* for this Rupture is ſaid to be, that the *preſent Emperor* is not bound by any Acts of his *Predeceſſors*; but as they ſubſiſt chiefly upon the Spoil of *Trading Nations*, and conſequently cannot be at *Peace* with them all, at the ſame Time; ſome People are apt to ſurmiſe that their late Peace with the *Dutch*, and the Terrors of the *French* Squadron (lately equipp'd for the Bombardment of Tunis) are the true Motives to this Breach with the *Engliſh*; which is the more probable from the Accounts which we have received, that they were ſpirited up to this Rupture by a *French Renegado*. It is however to be hoped, as we lately thought fit to negociate a Peace ſo ſucceſsfully between them and the *Dutch*, that *our good Allies* will now think themſelves obliged to interpoſe as vigorouſly in our Behalf.

London, July 13, It ſeems that the Spaniards in the Weſt Indies have not yet received Orders from their Court to deſiſt from Hoſtilities againſt the Engliſh, for they write from St. Chriſtophers, May 13. That they had lately taken ſixteen Sloops, one Ship and a Brigantine, the two letter ſuppoſed to belong to Boſton.

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Lisbon, June 21. The Blandford Man of War, Capt. George Protheroe, will ſail hence in 2 or 3 Days for England; but the Pacquet-boat will not depart till after the Arrival of another from Falmouth.

London, July 13. Yeſterday after Noon a Rencounter happened between 2 Perſons of Diſtinction, at an Alehouſe in St. James's Street; but ſeveral Noblemen and Gentlemen interpoſing, prevented any Miſchief for that Time.

Yeſterday came Advice, that the Tartar Man of War, Capt. Vincent Pearce, and the Shark Snow Man of War, Capt. George Sclaton, are arrived at Plymouth from New York.

From the London Evening-Poſt. July 13.

Conſtantinople, June 4. A new Ordinance is publiſhed here, for reſtraining Luxury and Immorality. The Contagion ſtill makes great Havock in ſeveral Parts of the Ottoman Empire: It has reached this Capital, but all imaginable Precaution is taking to ſtop its Progreſs. The Grand Signor is gone to a Country Seat to paſs the moſt of the Summer Seaſon.

Moſcow, June 19. Beſides the great Counell of War which is held at Petersburg, the Court has reſolved to eſtabliſh two others, one at Derbent, and the other here; to the end that more ſpeedy Meaſures may be at any Time taken, in caſe of any unforeſeen Attack. Theſe two Councils are to be ſubordinate to that of Petersburg, to which they are to report all important Affairs.

Tunbridge-Wells, July 10. Yeſterday it rained almoſt all Day, and this Day we had very ſevere Showers with Lightning and Thunder. At Noon, a Boy of ten Years playing on the Common, was killed by the Lightning; he looks freſh, and much the ſame as before: The only Remark is, a round Hole ſeemingly cut out from the Crown of his Hat and his Hair ſinged. The Princeſs Royal is expected here next Friday: the Muſick is appointed to meet her, as they did Princeſs Amelia, at South-Borrow.

By the late Thunder and Lightning, Major General Biſſet had a large Stack of Hay moved from his Houſe at Twickenham, and all deſtroyed.

From the Poſt Boy, July 14.

Hague, July 20. The King of Poland, in his Return from Berlin to Dreſden, did not take direct Road, but went firſt to Frauſtadt upon the Frontiers of his Kingdom, to hold a *Senatus-Concilium*, and iſſue *Univerſalia*, as the Polanders call them, or Writs for conveening a General Diet of Poland and Lithuania.

London, July 13. In a few Days will be put in Commiſſion the Kingſton Man of War of 60 Guns, and the Rumney of 50, the one to be commanded by Captain Hook, and the other by Capt. Falkingham: Theſe two are to be added to the Squadron appointed to cruize on the Sallee Rovers; all to be commanded by Admiral Cavendiſh, who hoiſts his Flag on board the Kingſton.

Laſt Wedneſday between 7 & 8 a clock at Night, Mris. Jones, Wife of Mr. Jones in Salisbury-court dropt down dead being big with Child; a Surgeon was immediately ſent for, who opened her, and took out a Male Child, which continues ſtill alive.

From the Flying Poſt, July 13.

Moſcow, June 19. Among other Edicts juſt publiſhed here, there is one prohibiting Duels upon Pain of Death, and another for baniſhing thoſe to Siberia, who are convicted of Miſdemernor in their Employments.

Baron d'Oſterman, Vice-Chancellor and Privy Counſellor, manages at Court and at the Council to his Imperial Majeſty's entire Satisfaction: All his Aim is to pleaſe every Body as far as lies in his Power, without prejudicing the Intereſt of his Maſter; and he does this with ſo much Candor, and without any View to Self-Intereſt, that his very Enemies cannot but acknowledge it. So that his Imperial Majeſty being convinced he has nothing in View but his Glory and the Welfare of the Empire, repoſes all his Truſt in him. The Ruſſian Miniſters are ſo far from envyiug him, that knowing his Abilities and long Experience, they are pleaſed to ſee him at the Head of Affairs. This Miniſter is wrongfully accuſed, of taking Meaſures to hinder the Reſtoration of Knez Menzicoff to Favour: The Knez may thank himſelf for all his Misfortunes; his inſatiable Avarice, his Pride, and the Wrong he did to ſeveral of the moſt ancient Families in Ruſſia, made him hated by all Officers Civil and Military, which is the Reaſon, that in his

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Disgrace he is pitied by none, high or low. So that there is no Room to expect any Change in the Ministry after the Emperor's Return to Petersburg, since they are unanimous in pursuing the Interest of their Prince and the Welfare of their Country.

From the Evening Post, July 13.

Hamburg, July 16. We hear from Copenhagen, That two Russian Fregats of 36 and 30 Guns, having put into the Road some Days ago, sailed the 12th for Cadix.

Wye's Letter, verbatim, London, July 15.

Since our last arrived the Mails from Holland, France and Flanders.

LAST Saturday the *Blandford* Man of War arrived at Plymouth from Lisbon, whence they write that on the first Instant, they received an Express from Phenice, a little to the Northward, with Advice that one of their Men of War was arrived there under the Guns of the Castle, who the Day before fell in with three Algerine Corsairs, from whom she defended herself until relieved by the Men of War guarding the Coast. Our Merchants are exceedingly well pleased with the Resolutions taken by the Government, for putting a Stop to the Proceedings of the above said Rovers, who cruise in great Numbers between Lisbon and Gibraltar; tho' at present there are some Complaints of the Deadness of Trade and Scarcity of Money.

Mean time our East India Company have the good News of the Arrival of 4 of their Homebound Ships at Falmouth, and all richly laden; they have brought in particular a considerable Quantity of Diamonds, and three others were expected in from Bengal.

'Tis discoursed that the new Emperor of Morocco has prohibited the sending any Provisions from Barbary to Gibraltar, and that several Ships of War are to be put in Commission this Day or Tomorrow at the Admiralty.

Yesterday was held a Sessions of the High Court of Admiralty, when one John Price was tried convicted and received Sentence of Death for the Murder of Capt. Dalziel Commander of the *Young Lawrence* at Vera Cruz, and afterwards with their Confederates carrying away the said Ship.

The Master of a Vessel which arrived the 5th Instant at Dublin from Gibraltar, gives an Account that some of the Fishermen belonging to that Place, went on the first of last Month towards the Devils Tower, where they were grosly abused by 12 Spanish Horsemen, who asked them how they could have the *Impudence* to fish on their Coast, to which the Fishermen replied, they had Orders from the Governor of the Garison, to go with their Nets and fish where they pleased under his Britannick Majesty's Jurisdiction.

We hear there will suddenly be a Meeting of the Whig Aldermen to consider of the Affair relating to the Election of a Lord Mayor at Michaelmas next, it being apprehended that the opposite Party will put up Alderman Parsons against Sir Robert Baillies, tho' the former, 'tis observed, wants several Years yet to be next the Chair.

P. S. Letters from Dresden of the 10th Instant advise, That the States of the Electorate having demonstrated to the King, That the greatest Part of the vast Sums raised in that Country, were come into the Cash of some certain Persons; His Majesty thereupon appointed Commissioners to enquire narrowly into that Affair. Mean Time several Favourites of the late Count Fleming are arrested and confined; and 'tis said have heavy Reckonings to account for.

We learn from Soissons, that on the 29th past Mr. Pointz returned thither from his Country Seat, on Account of his having received a Courier from Paris. That Baron Bentenrider was at the Point of Death, and two Expresses thereupon had been dispatched to Count Sinzendorf. From Vienna, That on the 8th Instant a Courier passed thro' that City from Gratz, going to Soissons with the Emperor's Resolution to the last Dispatches from the Congress.

Private Letters from Spain give an Account of the great Number of Men of War fitting out in that Kingdom. And by the Sarah Galley arrived at Dover from Jamaica, whence she came out with about 40 Sail more for London, Bristol, &c. we have an Account, that on the 20th of May last the Richmond, Capt. Halifax, was taken in Sight of that Island by a Spanish Privateer, which takes all the Ships he can overcome. And that on the 8th

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of ſaid Month died Admiral Hopſon on the Coaſt of New Spain.

From the St. James's Evening-Poſt, July 16.

Paris, July 12. A Report runs, That Mr. John Law is ordered to come hither, to diſcover more than 80 Millions of Livres belonging to the King's Caſh, which are plac'd in fictitious Names, whereof no Body has the Key himſelf.

From the Whitehall Evening Poſt, July 16.

Vienna, July 10. The ſolemn Inauguration of the Emperor was performed at Gratz the 8th Inſtant with extraordinary Magnificence, and after the Ceremony there was a grand Feaſt at the Palace, and the States of the Country waited on his Imperial Majeſty at Table. A Sum of Money is ſent to Trieſte, to be diſpoſed in building of Ships there. The Day before Yeſterday a Courier paſſed by here from Gratz, going to Soiſſons, with the Emperor's Reſolution to the laſt Diſpatches from the Congreſs of Soiſſons.

Soiſſons, July 18. Baron Bentenrider lies at the Point of Death, upon which 2 Expreſſes have been ſent to Count Zinzendorf.

London, July 16. Sir Robert Walpole is going to reſide at Hampton-Court for ſome Time.

From the Poſt Boy July, 16.

Hague, July 20. Letters from Stockholm adviſe, That the King of Sweden has put off his Journey to Caſſel till next Summer, in hopes of an Opportunity of viſiting his Britannick Majeſty then in his German Dominions. But the Landgrave his Father could have wiſhed he had not put off his Journey, being deſirous to ſee him once more before he dies, and to ſettle with him the Affairs of the Regency, the Adminiſtration not being put into the Hands of Prince William, as was ſaid by Miſtake; Death ſeeming to approach the Landgrave *a grand pas.*

London, July 16. Laſt Saturday the Honourable Collonel Horſley, Governor of the York-Buildings Company, ſet out for Scotland, to give Directions in Affairs relating to that Company.

From the London Evening Poſt, July 16.

London, July 16. This Morning Sir Robert Walpole arrived in Town about 9 of the Clock, in good Health.

This Day there was a Committee of Council at the Cockpit, Whitehall, upon the preſent Poſture of Affairs, at which moſt of the Miniſters of State aſſiſted.

The Treaſury alſo ſate this Day for diſcharging ſeveral Penſions and other Stipends, &c.

From the Evening Poſt, July 13.

Soiſſons, July 15. Monday and Yeſterday were held the uſual Conferences by the Plenipotentiaries here preſent, but they were very ſhort.

Glaſgow, July 17.

Barley, from 08 04 00, to 09 00 00.
Meal, from 07 00 00, to 07 12 00.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

Tomorrow will be publiſhed,
Some ſelect POEMS in Engliſh, by the Chevalier *RAMSAY*, Author of the *Travels of Cyrus:* To be ſold by moſt Bookſellers in Edinburgh.

‖*‖ That there is brought from London, for the Encouragement of the Country, by WILLIAM OLIPHANT, Silk-dyer in Leith wynd, at the Sign of the Elephant and Caſtle, a fine STAMP for Cambleta, China Stuffs, Orknay, Alloa, Linſe-woolſie, Cloth Serges, or Cloths; of a fine large Damask Flower, fit for Bed-courtains, Window-courtains, Tours-de-lit, &c. Price Three Halfpence per Ell. Alſo all Sorts of Silks dy'd and ſcoured, Mens Cloaths dry-ſcoured, Scarlet Cloaks ſcoured and refreſh'd in their Colours; and all Sorts of Linen Yarn dy'd at reaſonable Rates; alſo old Beds ſcoured and ſtamped at Three Pence per Ell. And ſuitable Encouragement for the Merchants and Dyers in the Stamping.

By Order of the Directors of the Edinburgh Friendly-Inſurance againſt Loſſes by Fire.

Theſe are to adverti'e all the Members of the Society to meet at Edinburgh on Monday the 29th of July Inſtant, at 10 o'clock before Noon, in Mary's chapel, in order to the Renewing of their Bonds, in conſequence of the Clauſe of the Act paſs'd laſt Seſſion of Parliament in favours of the Society, and other Affairs of Importance: And therefore, the Preſence of all concerned is neceſſary.

THO. ELIOT Secretary.

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